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Louisiana Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production in Louisiana during August totaled 900,000 pounds, up 13 percent from July but 10 percent below the previous year.

There were 1,000 head of **cattle** slaughtered during August, up 300 head from July but the same as the previous year. Average live weight was 902 pounds, down 21 pounds from the previous month but 53 pounds above August 2004. Total live weight at 886,000, pounds was 35 percent above the previous month but unchanged from previous year.

Calves slaughtered during August totaled 600 head, unchanged from the previous month but 200 head below the previous year. Live weight averaged 484 pounds, up 30 pounds from July but unchanged from August 2004. Total live weight at 273,000 pounds was down 4 percent from July and 30 percent below the previous year.

The number of **hogs** slaughtered during August totaled 1,300 head, up 100 head from the previous month but 200 head below the previous year. Average live weight was 195 pounds, up 15 pounds from July but 1 pound below the previous year. Total live weight was 255,000 pounds, up 14 percent from July but 12 percent below a year ago.

The number of **sheep** slaughtered during August totaled 200 head, up 100 head from July but unchanged from the previous year. Live weight averaged 77 pounds, up 4 pounds from the previous month but 2 pounds below the previous year.

United States Livestock Slaughter

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, up 6 percent from the 388 billion pounds produced in August 2004.

August 2005 contained 23 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays. August 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including no holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, up 6 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.7 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,600 head, down 10 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was 25 pounds above last year, at 347 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.98 million head, 3 percent above August 2004. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2005 commercial red meat production was 30.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year; veal was down 8 percent; pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter and Meat Production

Item	Louisiana					United States			
	July	August		January - August		August		January - August	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	----- Number, thousand head -----					----- Number, thousand head -----			
Cattle	0.7	1.0	1.0	9.0	8.6	2,820.5	2,990.1	22,012.7	21,589.8
Calves	0.6	0.8	0.6	4.9	3.9	72.7	65.6	570.2	500.7
Hogs	1.2	1.5	1.3	14.6	13.0	8,721.9	8,982.7	67,271.8	67,201.4
Sheep & Lambs	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.3	1.3	233.0	229.3	1,869.9	1,787.7
	----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----					----- Total live weight, thousand pounds -----			
Cattle	658	885	886	7,807	7,509	3,530,871	3,788,210	27,009,752	26,893,065
Calves	284	392	273	2,417	1,873	24,431	22,755	188,379	173,546
Hogs	224	290	255	3,025	2,553	2,287,070	2,358,233	17,886,987	18,031,822
Sheep & Lambs	8	13	14	120	126	30,190	30,664	255,236	246,662
	----- Average live weight, pounds -----					----- Average live weight, pounds -----			
Cattle	923	849	902	867	873	1,252	1,267	1,227	1,246
Calves	514	484	484	493	480	322	347	330	347
Hogs	180	196	195	207	196	262	263	266	268
Sheep & Lambs	73	79	77	92	97	130	134	137	138
	----- Million pounds -----					----- Million pounds -----			
Red Meat	0.8	1.0	0.9	8.7	7.8	3,879.6	4,098.7	29,888.6	29,962.3

Prices Received Index Down

The Preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in September, at 116, based on 1990-92=100), decreased 1 point from August. The Crop Index is down 5 points but the Livestock Index increased 4 points. Producers received lower commodity prices for corn, soybeans, hogs, onions and potatoes. Higher prices were received for cattle, eggs, broilers, sweet corn and tomatoes. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Decreased average marketings of cattle, broilers, grapes, wheat and dairy offset increased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, corn and apples.

Preliminary All Farm Products Index is unchanged from September 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 121, increased 1 point from last month and 2 points from September 2004.

Prices Paid Index Up

The September Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes and Farm Wage Rates is 142 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index increased 1 point from August and is 7 points above September 2004. Higher prices for diesel fuel, feeder cattle, gasoline and LP gas more than offset lower prices in September for feed concentrates, feed grains, feed supplements, and nitrogen fertilizers.

Average Prices Received By Farmers

Item	Louisiana			United States		
	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005 ¹	September 2004	August 2005	September 2005 ¹
	----- Dollars -----			----- Dollars -----		
Soybeans, per bushel	6.59	6.17	5.70	5.83	6.15	5.41
Rice, per cwt	8.45	6.44	6.42	8.47	6.54	6.65
Upland Cotton, per pound	2/	.398	2/	.493	.421	.474 ³
Hay, all, baled, per ton	n/a	n/a	n/a	91.40	99.70	99.00
Beef Cattle, per cwt ⁴	68.80	70.20	68.40	85.90	84.50	87.50
Steers & Heifers, per cwt	100.00	102.00	103.00	89.50	87.80	91.30
Cows, per cwt ⁵	50.40	51.50	48.00	53.10	51.30	50.40
Calves, per cwt	120.00	121.00	122.00	128.00	131.00	133.00
Broilers, live, per pound	n/a	n/a	n/a	.400	.440	.460
Eggs, All, per dozen	n/a	n/a	n/a	.538	.470	.643
Milk, All, per cwt ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	15.50	14.80	15.10

¹ Mid-month.

² Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

³ Preliminary prices are based on sales during the first half of the month.

⁴ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

⁵ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

⁶ Before deductions for hauling and government withholdings. Includes bulk tank, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

n/a = Not Available.

Louisiana Grain Stocks

Off-farm holdings of corn totaled 7.28 million bushels, compared to 906,000 bushels in 2004. All wheat off-farm stocks totaled 7.75 million bushels, compared to 14.7 million bushels in 2004.

United States Grain Stocks

Corn stocks in all positions on September 1, 2005, totaled 2.11 billion bushels, up 120 percent from September 1, 2004. This is the highest September 1 stocks level since 1993. Of the total stocks, 821 million bushels are stored on farms, up 87 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 1.29 billion bushels, are up 148 percent from a year ago to the highest September 1 level since 1988. The June - August 2005 indicated disappearance is 2.21 billion bushels, compared with 2.01 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Old crop soybeans stored in all positions on September 1, 2005, totaled 256 million bushels, up 127 percent from September 1, 2004. Soybean stocks stored on farms totaled 99.7 million bushels, up 239 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks are up 88 percent from September 1, 2004, to 156 million bushels. Indicated disappearance for June - August 2005 totaled 444 million bushels, up 49 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Based on an analysis of end-of-marketing year stock estimates, disappearance data for exports and crushings, and farm program administrative data, the 2004 soybean production is revised to 3.12 billion bushels. This is a decrease of 17.3 million bushels from the previous estimate. Planted and harvested areas remain unchanged at 75.2 million acres and 74.0 million acres, respectively. The 2004 yield, at 42.2 bushels per acre, is down 0.3 bushel from the previous estimate.

All wheat stored in all positions on September 1, 2005, totaled 1.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 719 million bushels, down 9 percent from the previous year. Off-farm stocks, at 1.20 billion bushels, are up 4 percent from a year ago. The June - August 2005 indicated disappearance is 720 million bushels, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Louisiana and United States Grain Stocks, Sept 1, 2004-2005

Item	Louisiana ¹		United States	
	September 1		September 1	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
	-----Thousand Bushels-----		-----Thousand Bushels-----	
Corn (Old Crop)				
On Farm			438,000	820,500
Off Farm ²	<u>906</u>	<u>7,276</u>	520,091	1,291,734
Total			958,091	2,112,234
Sorghum (Old Crop)				
On Farm			3,700	5,900
Off Farm ²	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	29,849	51,107
Total			33,549	57,007
Soybeans (Old Crop)				
On Farm			29,400	99,700
Off Farm ²	<u>1/</u>	<u>954</u>	83,014	155,807
Total			112,414	255,507
All Wheat				
On Farm			790,600	719,360
Off Farm ²	<u>14,736</u>	<u>7,750</u>	1,147,807	1,199,274
Total			1,938,407	1,918,634

¹ Louisiana on-farm stocks and total stocks not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

² Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

Soybeans: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield and Production by State and United States, 2004¹

State	Area		Yield	Production
	Planted	Harvested		
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Bushels	1,000 Bushels
AL	210	190	35.0	6,650
AR	3,200	3,150	39.0	122,850
DE	210	208	42.0	8,736
FL	19	17	34.0	578
GA	280	270	31.0	8,370
IL	9,950	9,900	50.0	495,000
IN	5,550	5,520	51.5	284,280
IA	10,200	10,150	49.0	497,350
KS	2,800	2,710	41.0	111,110
KY	1,310	1,300	44.0	57,200
LA	1,100	990	33.0	32,670
MD	500	495	43.0	21,285
MI	2,000	1,980	38.0	75,240
MN	7,300	7,050	33.0	232,650
MS	1,670	1,640	37.5	61,500
MO	5,000	4,960	45.0	223,200
NE	4,800	4,750	46.0	218,500
NJ	105	103	42.0	4,326
NY	175	172	39.0	6,708
NC	1,530	1,500	34.0	51,000
ND	3,750	3,570	23.0	82,110
OH	4,450	4,420	47.0	207,740
OK	320	290	30.0	8,700
PA	430	425	46.0	19,550
SC	540	530	27.0	14,310
SD	4,150	4,120	34.0	140,080
TN	1,210	1,180	41.0	48,380
TX	290	270	32.0	8,640
VA	540	530	39.0	20,670
WV	19	18	46.0	828
WI	1,600	1,550	34.5	53,475
US	75,208	73,958	42.2	3,123,686

¹ Revised

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